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SUBJECT: UP COLLAPSE, PRP AND NP INCREASE STRENGTH IN JOHANNESBURG  
ELECTIONS

1. THE COLLAPSE OF THE UNITED PARTY (UP), PREDICTED AS A RESULT OF RECENT MERGER TALKS, BECAME REALITY WHEN THE PROGRESSIVE REFORM PARTY (PRP) AND NATIONALISTS (NP) BOTH INCREASED THEIR STRENGTH IN JOHANNESBURG MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND REDUCED THE UP TO THE SMALLEST PARTY IN THE CITY. THE PRP GAINED 3 SEATS, BOOSTING THEIR STRENGTH TO 19 TOTAL, THE LARGEST IN THE COUNCIL. SECOND ARE THE NP, GAINING 5 FOR A TOTAL STRENGTH OF 15. THE UP FELL TO 11 SEATS WITH ONE SEAT GOING TO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONALIST.

2. THE PRP, NOW THE LARGEST PARTY IN THE COUNCIL, HAD HOPED TO WIN AS MANY AS 24 SEATS BUT EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THEIR PERFORMANCE. JOHANNESBURG MAYOR SKLAAR, RUNNING AS AN INDEPENDENT, WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO LOST HIS BID FOR A NEW TERM.

3. IN RANDBERG ELECTIONS (A JOHANNESBURG SUBURB, LARGELY AFRIKANER) THE NP TOOK 8 OUT OF 10 WARDS DESPITE A DETERMINED PRP CAMPAIGN. THE COUNCIL HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN  
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CONTROLLED BY THE NOW-DEFUNCT UP.  
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